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RELEASING OF COMMEMORATIVE COINS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has released minted commemorative coins in the name of various leaders;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted therefor; and

(c) the names of the leaders or important personalities in whose names such coins have been released, with the year of such release and the number of coins so released in commemoration of such leaders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The Commemorative coins are issued in the name of Indian Nationals of National importance /fame, whose activities, influence and contribution should have transcended the barriers of partisan politics/ region/ community /language. The honour is not confined to men/women in public affairs but also individuals who have attained excellence/recognition in other areas of activity such as science, literature, arts including performing arts etc. as well as to individual who have made intellectual contribution of an exceptional order. The Honour is conferred posthumously only.

(c): A total of 24 Commemorative coins have been released so far in the names of the leaders or important personalities, details of which are as follows:

S.No.	Year	Leader/Personality	No. of denomination of coins
1.	1964	Jawaharlal Nehru	2
2.	1969	Mahatma Gandhi	4
3.	1985	Indira Gandhi (1917-84)	4
4.	1989	Jawaharlal Nehru	4
		Centenary - 1989	
5.	1991	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar	1
		Centenary coin-1990	
6.	1992	Rajiv Gandhi	1
7	1996	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	4
8.	1997	Netaji Subhas Chander Bose	4
9.	1998	Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das	4
10.	1998	Sri Aurobindo	4
11.	1999	Chhatrapati Shivaji	3
12.	2000	Saint Dnyaneshwar	2
13.	2002	Syama Prasad Mookerjee	4
14.	2002	Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narayan	3
15.	2002	Bhagwan Mahavir	2
16.	2003	Dadabhai Naoroji	1

17. 2003 Sant Tukaram 4
18. 2003 Maharana Pratap 3
19. 2003 Veera Durgadas 3
20. 2004 K.Kamraj 2
21. 2005 Lal Bahadur Shastri Birth 2

Centenary

22. 2006 Mahatma Basaveshwara 2
23. 2006 Sree Jagat Guru Narayana 2

Gurudev

24. 2007 Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar 2
Tilak (150th Anniversary)